

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

3 A device for switching between two inlet ports in a skimmer
4 submerged in a body of water so that the latter can be cleaned (filtered)
5 from two different areas. A conventional skimmer has first housing with a
6 filter basket mounted therein and a second housing mounted within the
7 first housing below a cover assembly centrally mounted within the first
8 housing. A vertically movable piston assembly movable within the second
9 housing and with an upright elongated tubular shaft that slides through a
10 shaft opening in the cover activates a valve when the piston approaches its
11 uppermost position closing one of the two inlet ports in the cover. The
12 speed at which the piston assembly moves upwardly to close the first inlet
13 is regulated with a restricting valve at the upper end of the tubular shaft.
14 The result being to change the active inlet ports allowing the cleaning of
15 the body of water from two inlet locations.